



U.S. Army Ranger School





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Follow Me

Rangers Lead the Way!



Ranger Training Brigade Task Organization

Camp Merrill
(184 Miles)
5th RTBn 17/195/5

★ **Dahlonga (4hrs/45min)*****

Camp Rogers
RTB HQs 12/28/5

Darby/RSLC
Compound
4th RTBn 23/276/3

Fort Benning ★

Camp Rudder
(237 Miles)
6th RTBn 19/205/5

Eglin AFB ★
(5hrs/1hr)***

(Auth
Officer/Enlisted/Civilian)
Total 75/762/19

*** Travel Time by Ground/Air



Historical Significance

The Foundation of the Ranger Program

Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia began in SEP 1950 during the Korean war with the formation and training of 17

Airborne Ranger companies by the Ranger Training Command. In OCT 1951 the Commandant of the US Army Infantry School established the Ranger Department and extended Ranger training to all combat units in the Army. The first Ranger Class for individual candidates graduated on 01 MAR 1952.



On 01 NOV 1987, the Ranger Department reorganized into the Ranger Training Brigade, and established three Ranger Training Battalions.

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Ranger Training Brigade Mission



Conduct Ranger and Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader Courses to further develop the combat arms skills of Officer and Enlisted volunteers eligible for assignment to units whose primary mission is to engage in the close-combat, direct fire battle.

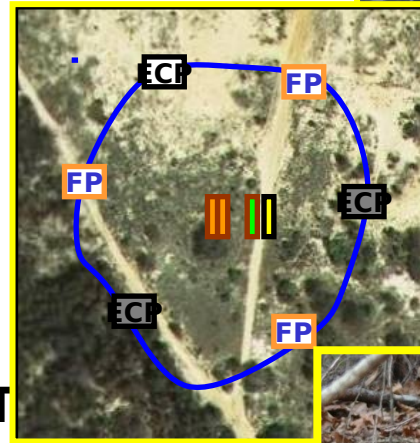
Produce as many Ranger and RSLC leaders as possible within standards.



Contemporary Operations in Ranger School

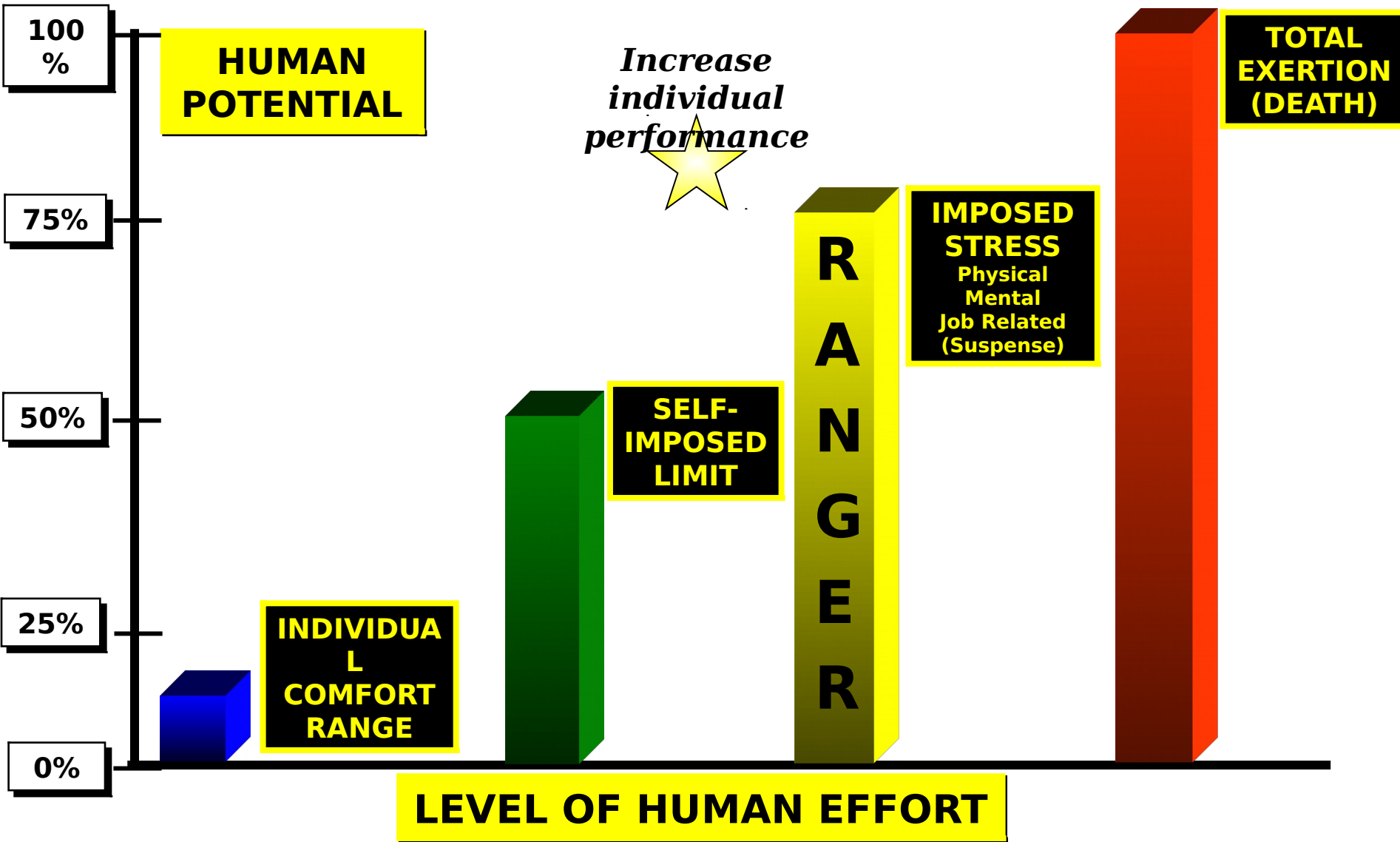
Ranger School Relevancy to the Current Threat:

- Increased Urban Signature on Objectives
- Scenarios using Combat Outposts
- Convoy Operations with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
- Opposing Force (OPFOR):
 - Reluctant Fighter
 - Die-hard Insurgent
 - Martyrs (VBIEDs / Vests)
- Fires Integration
 - Call For Fire Trainer (CFFT)
 - ATK Aviation (CCA) /AC-130
- MEDEVAC/CASEVAC Operations





Ranger Training Goal





Course Imposed Stress



Ranger Student



- 61 days of physical and mental exertion
- Students carry 65-90 lbs combat equipment
- Tactical foot movements of 200+ miles
- Only 2200 calories a day
- 0 to 5 hours of sleep a night
- 6+ graded leadership positions
- Peer evaluations after each phase

“Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.”



Cornerstone of Ranger School



Leadership: Competent &

Selection:

Centrally Controlled by Human Resources Command (Ranger Branch).

**Ranger
Instructors**



**Student / Instructor
Ratio
9:1**



Training: Ranger School, Jump Master, Pathfinder, BNCOC, ANCOC, EMT, DEMO, SERE, HALO, EIB, SCUBA, Assault Climber, Mountaineering, Combat Lifesaver

Experience:

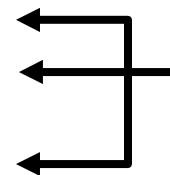
- 2 - 4 Years leader time in TO&E units
- 100% Ranger Qualified
- Physically fit
- 2-4 Years college education
- Undergo a 3-6 month certification process



Ranger Instructor Certification Program

30-90 day program of Performance Oriented training supervised by CSMs

- Instructor Training Course
- Tactics Certification Course
- Certification Boards
- Combat Life Saver/Ranger First Responder Certification
- APFT, 5 Mile Run, 12 Mile Foot March to standard
- Collateral Safety Officer Course
- Risk Management Process
- Environmental and Camp specific Risk Management Worksheets
- Demolitions Effects Simulator Training
- Medical Evacuation/SKEDCO Litter and Hoist Training
- Special Skills Training (e.g., Assault Climber Course, Summer Mountaineering Course)
- Observation Patrol - "Shadow Walks"
- Practice Patrol - Practice Evaluation
- Patrol - Evaluation as a Patrol Grader



**PLATFORM
CERTIFIED**

**WALKER
CERTIFIED**



**RANGER
INSTRUCTOR
CERTIFIED**



Ranger Course Progression

Squad/Platoon

WALK PHASE



CRAWL PHASE

61 Days

Platoon

RUN PHASE

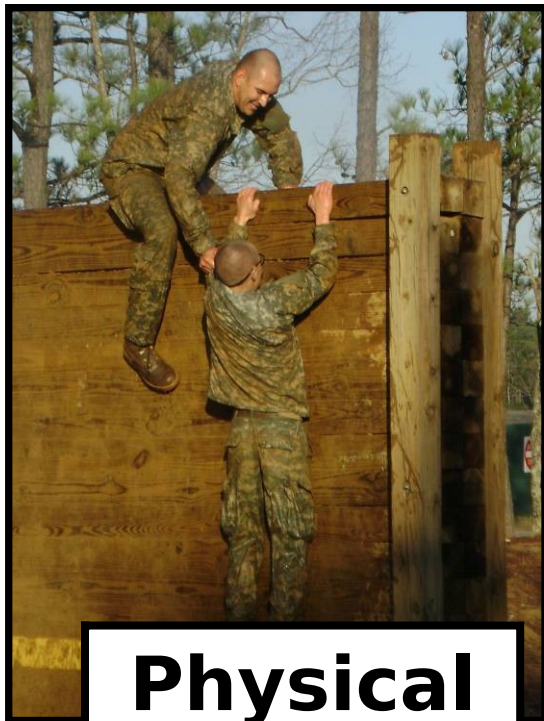


- Develop Combat Leader Skills
- Train to Standard
- Relevant to current threat
- Focus on
 - Warrior Ethos
 - Human Dimension
 - Physical/Mental Toughness
 - Warrior Tasks and Drills
 - Fundamentals
 - Small unit combat leaders

- I can operate tactically under extended/stressful conditions successfully
- I can lead men under those circumstances

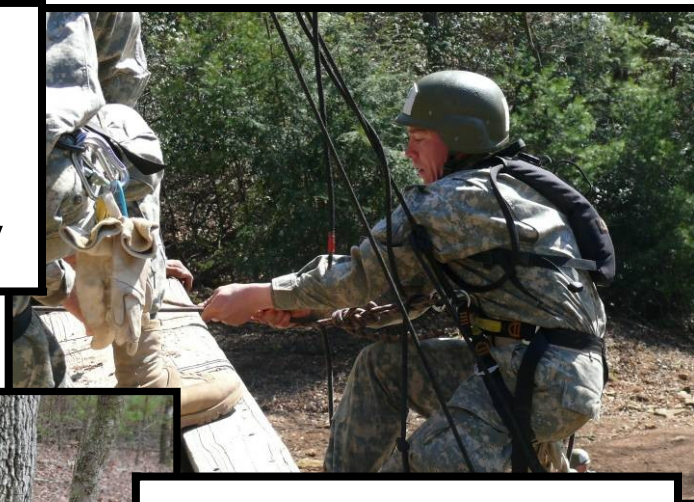


Keys to Ranger School Preparation



**Physical
Fitness**

**Technical /
Tactical
Proficiency**



**Mental
Toughness**

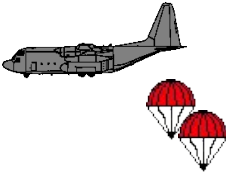


**Winning Spirit
- Never Quit**



1st RTBn Program of Instruction

Benning (Crawl) Phase

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DAY 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INPROCESS• MED SCREEN• CO INPROCESS• BN LAYOUT	DAY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RPFT• BN CDR BRIEF• CWSA• S4 ISSUE• BDE INBRIEF• 20 BOARDS/PE	DAY 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAND NAV• 20 BOARDS/PE• WEAPON DRAW• TLP 1• RTT CO Level	DAY 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAND NAV• RE TEST• RTT CO LEVEL• WEAPON DRAW• CIF• TIE DOWN• TLP 2	DAY 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOOTMARCH• TLP 3• ORDERS CLASS• SPECIAL WEAPONS DRAW• DEMO• STX LANES PE• PREP MVMT	DAY 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM/MCC• AMBUSH PE• SAT/BAR• BAY PLANNING• ABN PREP	DAY 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDR BRIEF• RECON CL / PE• LINK UP CL / PE 
RANGER ASSESSMENT						OPN ANZIO
DAY 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DARBY QUEEN• AMBUSH• (BAY PLANNING)• AMBUSH PE	DAY 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RECON	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAR• RETRAIN• INTRO-PLT OPS• PLT OPS PE
CADRE ASSIST		TORCH FTX (SQD OPS)				CADRE ASSIST
DAY 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLT OPS PE• FIELD PLANNING• PE	DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEERS• COUNSELING• ACADEMIC• BOARDS	DAY 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BN CRITIQUES• BN CDR BRIEF• STUDENT REFIT• LAY-OUT	DAY 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLASS• HANDOVER
CADRE ASSIST	AVALANCHE FTX (PLT OPS)					

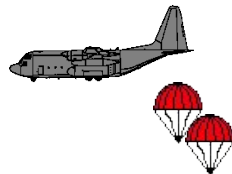
5th RTBn Program of Instruction

Mountain (Walk) Phase

SATURDAY

DAY 0

- HAND-OVER
- MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS
- EQUIPMENT ISSUE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DAY 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROPE MGMT • KNOTS • BELAYS • RAPPEL(30/60) • ANCHORS • SKEDCO RIG 	DAY 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROPE BRIDGE • FIXED ROPE • V-HAUL • KNOT TEST • BELAY TEST 	DAY 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOTMARCH • BN CDR INBRIEF • BALANCE CLIMB (TOP-ROPE) • LEAD CLIMBING • ADVANCED RAPPELS • PLATOON MOBILITY LANES 	DAY 4	DAY 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERRAIN ASSOCIATION • FIELD CRAFT • PATROL BASE • DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES • PES / MTN WALK 	DAY 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOVEMENT TO CONTACT • TRUCK MVMT/IED • AIR ASSAULT • CADRE ASSIST 	DAY 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAID CLASSES • CADRE ASSISTED PES
LOWER MOUNTAINEERING		MOUNT YONAH		TECHNIQUES TRAINING		
DAY 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPOD CLASS • FIRE SUPPORT • CADRE ASSISTED PES • BN INTSUM 	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM DAY • MID-FTX AAR • INTEL UPDATE
TECHNIQUES	MUSKET FTX					
DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO BOARDS • BN BOARDS 	DAY 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE-FIT • IMC/SAT • CDR OUTBRIEF 	DAY 21 
TOMAHAWK FTX					• OUT-	OPN

th RTBn Program of Instruction

Mountain (Walk) Phase



- MED SYSTEMS
- EQUIP ISSUE
- MEDIC CHECKS

OPN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2-C • BN CDR BRIEF. • REPTILE CLASS • MED CONSIDER • OPFOR BRIEF • AC-130 CLASS • UO CLASS • UO/RAID PE	3-B MTC CLASS MTC PE MEDEVAC ABN PLANNING RAID PE MEDEVAC	4-C • WATERBORNE TRAINING • ISSUE ORDER	5-A OPN	6-B	7-C	8-B
TECHNIQUES TRAINING			PEGASUS	MOCCASIN FTX		
9-B	10-A • RI LEAD AAR • SOP REFINEMENT • STUDENT FRAGO • TLPS • CADRE JUMP	11-C	12-A	13-C	14-A	15-B
MOCCASIN		DIAMONDBACK FTX				
16-C • RECOVERY • PEER RATINGS • COUNSELING • CO BOARDS	17-A • BN BOARDS • MVT TO FBGA				 GRADUATION	
OP EL GUETTAR		OUT-PROCESS/GRADUATION PREPARATION				



Average Ranger Student



- Best Soldier from unit
- 3 time volunteer
- Physically and mentally fit
- Open to all MOSs : CSA has approved all officers and enlisted Soldiers with CS / CSS MOSs to attend Ranger School (combat exclusion policy still applies)
- All services
- Foreign Armies



“...fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession.”



Average Ranger Class








General

- **Class Size** **290**
- **Avg Age** **19-27**
- **Avg Yrs Exp** **2.3**
- **11 Courses Annually**
- **Ranger Training**
Days
348 Days / Year
- **High Risk Training**



Ranks / Numbers

CPT / 1LT	35	
2LT	115	
SFC / SSG	20	
SGT / CPL	35	
SPC / PFC	85	



Graduation Requirements



- **Pass all Ranger assessment tasks**
- **50% “Go” for graded leadership positions**
- **Score 60 or greater on peer evaluations**
- **No more than three major spot reports**
- **Cannot be on Special Observation Report (SOR) probation**

Students Graduated - Rates

FY 06: 1841 - 56.6%

FY 07: 1906 - 56.2%

FY 08: 1873 - 52.2%

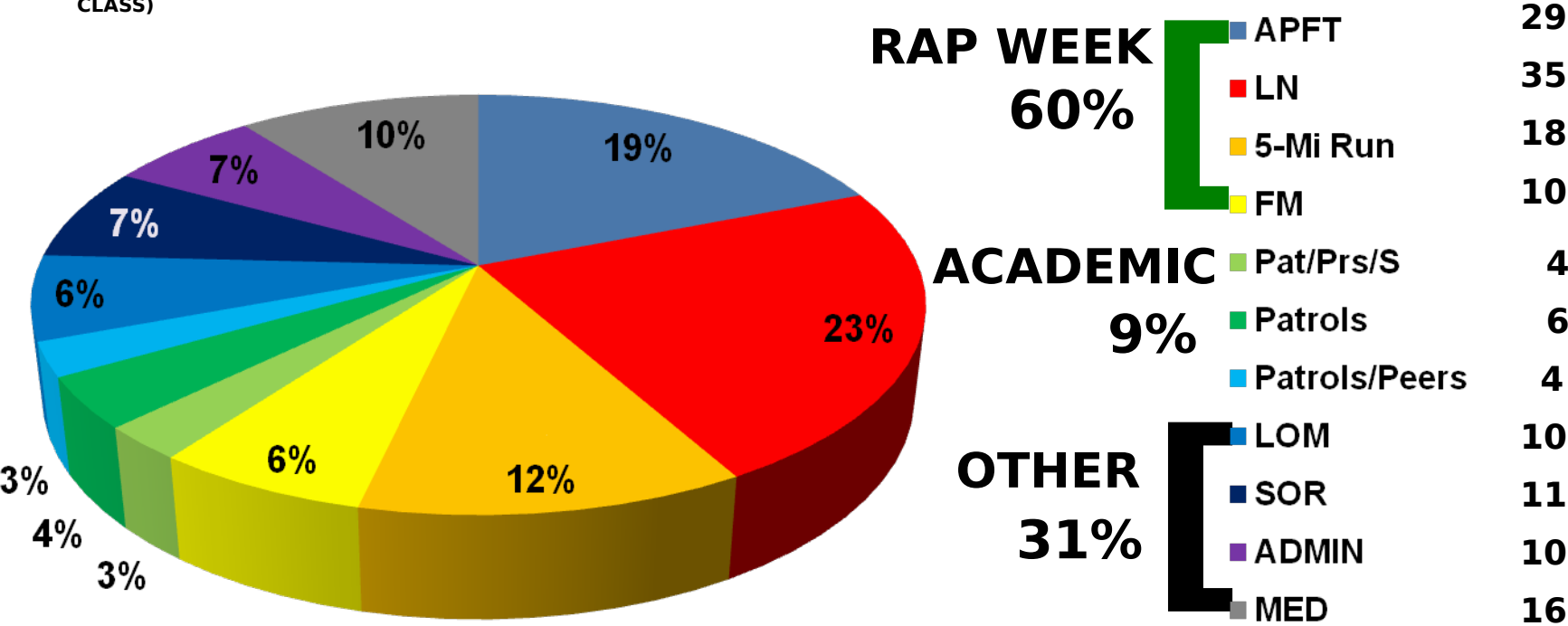






Average Ranger Class

ENROLLED:
RELIEVED:
GRADUATED:
GRAD WITH RECYCLE FROM PREVIOUS CLASS: 65

TOTAL GRADUATES 164
CURRENT GRADUATION RATE 45%
STILL IN RANGER COURSE: 114
POTENTIAL GRADUATION RATE: 58%
(POTENTIAL TO GRADUATE AFTER RECYCLE IN NEXT CLASS)



 Recognizing **THE RANGER CREED** the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and **high "esprit de corps"** of the Rangers. 

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to **move further, faster, and fight harder** than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself **mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight** and I **will shoulder more than my share** of the task whatever it may be. One-hundred- percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well- trained soldier. My **courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment** shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. **Surrender is not a Ranger word.** I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy, and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and **complete the mission**.